

## SAMPLE COURT ORDER

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NO.

IN THE INTEREST OF

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF

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\_\_\_\_\_

A CHILD

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\_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, TEXAS

\_\_\_\_\_ JUDICIAL DISTRICT

## PERMANENCY HEARING ORDER

On the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_, after proper notice was given to all parties, a review hearing was held pursuant to the Social Security Act, Pub. L. No. 96-272 § 475(5)(B) and (5)(C) (1998).

Appearing before this court were the following:

Mother:
Father:
Guardian ad litem:
Attorney ad litem:
Attorney(s):
Custodian:
Juvenile Probation Officer:
Juvenile Probation Officer's Supervisor:
Representative from Child's School:
Representative from Child's Caregiver:
Other:

The Court, having reviewed the pleadings and considered all the evidence and all relevant information required to be filed by law, including the Review of Child/Family Case Plan dated \_\_\_\_\_ and filed with the Court, finds that all necessary prerequisites of the law have been legally satisfied and that this Court has jurisdiction over the parties and subject matter of this cause.

The court further finds the following order is in the best interest for the safety and welfare of the child:

- 1) The \_\_\_\_\_ County Juvenile Probation Department has made reasonable efforts subsequent to the removal of the child from the child's home to finalize the permanency plan;
- 2) The child continues to need substitute care;
- 3) The child's current placement is appropriate, necessary, and safe and continues to be in the best interest of the child;
- 4) The child **has/has not** complied with the Child/Family Case Plan to the extent that the child can be returned to the home;
- 5) The **mother/father have/have not** complied with the Child/Family Case Plan prepared for the family to the extent that the child can be returned to a safe home environment;
- 6) **Enough/not enough** progress has been made toward solving or reducing the causes necessitating placement;
- 7) The permanency plan and proposed date of completion of the plan as referenced in the Review of Child/Family Case Plan filed with this court are reasonable;
- 8) The plans for carrying out special orders of the court, if any, are reasonable;
- 9) Independent living skills are being offered to the child if appropriate (if child is 16 years of age or older).
- 10) Significant changes in the placement situation or the child's life since the last hearing have been addressed;
- 11) Recommendations and/or concerns made by the \_\_\_\_\_ County Juvenile Probation Department have been considered by the Court.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED BY THE COURT** that (name of child) :

\_\_\_\_\_ Remain in placement at (name of facility) for (period of time) **or** until (date) .

\_\_\_\_\_ Be returned to the care, custody, and control of (name of parent) .

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_ .

Judge Presiding